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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP

YOUNG'S TRIP CONTINUED TO DOMINATE BARBADOS MEDIA COVERAGE THROUGHOUT TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. ALL BROADCAST MEDIA LED REGULAR NEWSCASTS WITH GENEROUS EXERPTS FROM YOUNG'S TUESDAY A.M. PRESS CONFERENCE, WITH GOVERNMENT-RUN CBC-RADIO CARRYING PRESS CONFERENCE LIVE FROM GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS. BARBADOS REDIFFUSION, A WIRED CLOSED CIRCUIT NETWORK, RECORDED PRESE CONFERENCE FOR LATER BROADCAST. PRIME TIME TV CARRIED AHPROMIMATELY 10 MINUTES, MAKING PARTICULAR REFERNCE TO YOUNG'S SUGGESTION THAT CARIBBEAN LEADERS DROP PETTY JEALOUSIES AND NOT LOOK TO US FOR SOLUTIONS TO THEIR PROBLEMS. CBC-TV SHOT FILM WIDELY FOR YOUNG AND WIFE'S TOUR FOR FULL-LENGTH DOCUMENTARY AT WEEK-END. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 SAW ISLAND'S ONLY DAILY NEWSPAPER, THE ADVOCATE-NEWS, DEVOTING ENTIRE FRNT PAGE, EXCEPT FOR A SINGLE EIGHT-INCH ITEM, TO COVERAGE OF YOUNG'S TRIP. HEADLINES READ: "YOUNG HOLDS TALKS WITH PM"; "US APOLO-GUISES FOR BEHAVIOR" (RE: RECENT PRESENCE OF RUSSIAN SHIPS OFF BARBADOS AND US SURVEILLANCE); CARIBBEAN SHOULDN'T LOOK ONLY TO US FOR SOLUTIONS; "BARBADOS PROTESTS OVER UNFAIR
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DOMINATION" AND "MRS. YOUNG IMPRESSED WITH CHILD CARE SCHEME". ADVOCATE-NEWS CONTINUED COVERAGE THURSDAY WITH YOUNG'S DEPARTURE; HIS INFORMAL CHAT WITH EMBASSY STAFF, PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS AND AMERICANS RESIDENT IN BARBADOS; AN INSIDE PAGE 11-PICTURE PANORAMA OF HIGHLIGHTS OF VISIT, HEADED: "AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S WHIRLWIND VISIT"; AND AN EDITORIAL ASKING: "WILL WE BELIEVE OURSELVES?"

CHIDING CARIBBEAN POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, THE ADVOCATE-NEWS REFERRED TO YOUNG'S OBSERVATION THAT THE REGION COULD BECOME ONE OF THE GREAT GROWTH AREAS OF THE WORLD IF LEADERS WOULD SINK THEIR PETTY RIVALRIES. SAID THE PAPER: "THE CARIBBEAN AREA SEEMS DETERMINED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT IT DOES NOT REALLY BELIEVE IN ITSELF. WE HAVE TH HISTORY OF THE ILL-FATED FEDERATION OF THE WEST INDIES WHICH PERISHED BECAUSE OF THE SAME MALAISE THAT ANDREW YOUNG DIAGNOSED - PETTY RIVALRIES. WHEN THAT EXERCISE IN CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT WAS LAUNCHED, IT WAS HAILED AS THE GREATEST THING POLITICALLY EVER TO HAVE HAPPENED TO THE AREA. "BUT DESPITE ALL THE IMPASSIONED WORDS AND THE DRAMATIC DEMONSTRATIONS OF WEST INDIAN SOLIDARITY, THE FEDERATION PERISHED AS A RESULT OF IGNORANCE, SUSPICION AND CUPIDITY ALL FANNED BY LEADERS IN THE UNIT TERRITORIES WHO WERE INTENT ON PROMOTING THEIR OWN INTERESTS IN PREFERENCE TO THOSE OF THE CARIBBEAN AREA AS A WHOLE". THE ADVOCATE-NEWS CONCLUDED: "MR. YOUNG HAS BEEN SPEAKING OUT ON SEVERAL SUBJECTS OF WORLDWIDE IMPORTANCE RECENTLY AND THERE MUST BE THOSE WHO WONDER WHETHER HIS JUDGMENTS ARE ALL SOUND. NOW THAT HE HAS SPOKEN ON A SUBJECT CLOSE TO HOME, A SUBJECT THAT WE CAN EXAMINE FROM OUR OWN POINT OF VIEW OF INTIMATE KNOWLDEGE- AND PROVE HIM RIGHT - THEN WE CAN ASSESS THE VALIDITY OF HIS JUDGMENT. NOW THAT HE HAS SPOKEN, WILL WE TAKE

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